

Case CM2128FQ

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC 371 from  
the International Application of  
EHRNSPERGER, Bruno Johannes et al  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/14643  
Filed in the RO/US on 29 June 1999  
Entitled: Device For Absorbing Or Collecting A Liquid

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:


Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- \* In Claim 3 please replace the phrase "either claim 1 or 2" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In Claim 4 please replace the phrase "any of claims 1 to 3" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In each one of Claims 9 and 11 please replace the phrase "any of the previous claims" with --Claim 1--.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,

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